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Registered Environmental Assessor I:

Our office has received some inquiries about the purpose and use of the Registered Environmental Assessor I (REA I) designation. Even though most registrants understand the program's concept, perhaps the following will clear up any misconceptions that may exist about the designation.

The REA I program is voluntary. Registration as an REA I by California indicates to those using your services that you have met all legislatively established requirements regarding your employment, education, and environmental assessing experience. REA I registrants certify under penalty of perjury that they have expertise in one or more environmental assessment areas. The Department of Toxic Substances Control provides to businesses lists of REA I registrants who have the specific expertise they need to help them achieve and maintain compliance with environmental regulations.

When using the designation, an REA I is not permitted to: (1) perform environmental services outside the scope of his or her expertise; and, (2) claim the privileges of being a registered geologist, professional engineer or the privileges of any other registration, certification or license unless the REA I holds that particular credential. REA I registrants doing so may be violating county, state and/or federal environmental laws, and may risk losing their REA I designation.

It is hoped that this information provides a clearer understanding of the REA I designation. Please contact our office by calling (916) 324-6881, by FAX at (916) 324-1379, or by e-mail at REA_Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov if you have questions about the REA I designation.